

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors held a scheduled budget work session on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the County Administrator's conference room, located at 153A Morton Lane, Appomattox, Virginia.

CALL TO ORDER

Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

Present:

Samuel E. Carter
Sara E. Carter
William H. Hogan
Chad E. Millner
Bryan A. Moody

Courthouse District, Chairman
Piney Mountain District, Vice-Chair
Appomattox River District
Falling River District
Stonewall District

Also Present:

Susan M. Adams, County Administrator
Jeff Taylor, Economic Development Director
Alice Rockefeller, Landfill Supervisor
Vicky Phelps, Finance

DISCUSSION

Chairman Carter called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Carter stated that Bob Obernier with Team Rubicon, Mr. Wingfield, Public Safety Director, Mr. Garrett, Appomattox Volunteer Fire Chief, and Mr. Fred Godsey, Emergency Services Coordinator would provide the Board with an update on the tornado situation.

Chairman Carter called on Mr. Fred Godsey to provide the Board with an update on Incident Command.

Mr. Godsey came forward and updated the Board on incident command activities and stated that Southern Baptist and Tyson would be leaving on Friday. He stated that the warehouse was going well and the decision was made to close for the weekend and coordinate with Evergreen Baptist to make sure all needs are met until reopen on Monday. Mr. Godsey stated that a key has been provided in the case of an emergency.

Chairman Carter stated that Team Rubicon will provide the Board with an update on the tornado situation.

Bob Obernier, Team Administrator with Region 4 Team Rubicon came forward and provided the Board with an update on tornado related activities.

Mr. Obernier stated that Team Rubicon was called by the Incident Management Team and they arrived on March 1st. He stated that the immediate needs that he saw were data collection for public assistance and FEMA if declared. He stated that he had met with Southern Baptist who

has done an excellent job in Appomattox. He reported that 99% of roofs have been tarped and that the County now needed to start thinking of the long term recovery. He provided the Board with all Team Rubicon activities for the past 24 hours. He then called for questions/comments from the Board.

After lengthy discussion, Mr. Garrett stated that Mr. Rick Butler has estimated approximately 500 was acres affected by the storm totaling approximately 1,700,000 dollars in damage.

Mr. Obernier stated that Waste Management has done an excellent job with debris.

Ms. Adams provided the board with an update on the agriculture damages. She stated that Mr. Bruce Jones, Extension Agent reported approximately \$1,500,000 dollars of forest damage not including the State Forest and approximately \$500,000 dollars damage in agricultural buildings, fence, and livestock damage.

After discussion on number of homes affected, Ms. Carter asked Ms. Adams to get a definite count of homes damaged/destroyed and report to the Board.

At 7:38 p.m. Chairman Carter called the budget work session to order and delivered the invocation.

There was discussion on several fund raisers that were being discussed/planned to help the storm related victims.

Before discussing the budget Ms. Carter asked the Board to set a time in which they would conclude budget discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to conclude budget discussion by 9:00 p.m.

Ms. Adams explained that Gleaning for the World had established a mailbox to receive donations and the Board would need to appoint a committee of community leaders to serve and disburse the donated funds.

Ms. Adams stated that Dr. Davidson preferred that this committee establish bylaws and operate under those administrations.

After lengthy discussion of who should be appointed to serve on this committee, it was the consensus of the Board for each member to ask someone in their district to serve in this capacity.

Mr. Millner asked that Ms. Adams serve as the liaison for the Board on the committee.

Ms. Adams reported that she has an agreement with Mr. Jeff Scruggs for use of the warehouse.

Ms. Adams reported that she has an upcoming conference call with Dr. Stern on Friday to discuss the County Alert System and invited each Board member to participate in that upcoming call.

Ms. Adams stated that she had spoken with Ms. Annie Trent regarding the Carver Price Alumni; she stated that they have received permission from the Town to hold an alumni reunion. She stated that there would also be a car show and was asking if there were any issues with the Board regarding the car show and reunion. There were no issues from the Board on this event.

Ms. Adams reported that she has spoken with the Commissioner of Revenue regarding revenue for the upcoming budget; she stated that she was provided some very rough figures to begin working on a revenue budget.

Ms. Adams reported that she has spoken with Dr. Grasty regarding the school budget and she was also looking at very rough figures and stated that they may be looking at requesting approximately \$240,000 over RLE which would provide a 2% increase in salaries to employees and put the RLE at 40%. She stated that this can be discussed further in the joint meeting with the School Board on March 10, 2016.

Ms. Adams reported that she had been speaking with a representative from Local Choice Insurance. She stated that she has also received a call from a representative from Willis who stated that they had been overpaid and would be providing the County a refund in amount overpaid.

Ms. Adams began reviewing the expenditure budget beginning with department 4302 - General Properties and ending discussion with department 7109 - Contributions.

Discussion of refinancing of bonds and the information provided by Davenport followed the budget department review.

Ms. Carter made a motion to adjourn the work session at 9:15 p.m. Mr. Millner seconded Ms. Carter's motion. Chairman Carter called for a vote: Chairman Carter, aye; Ms. Carter, aye; Mr. Hogan, aye; Mr. Millner, aye; Mr. Moody, aye.

The work session adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Samuel E. Carter, Chairman